

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An airway, neck, and head support used to help stabilize the airway, neck, and head of a patient comprising:

a device constructed of polyurethane foam having a carved-out central section adjoined by two lateral interior surfaces of equal length, height, and angle creating a neck trough, and surrounded by a continuous piece of foam forming top, bottom, and side exterior surfaces.
2. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said neck trough is generally arch shaped.
3. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said neck trough is accompanied by two vertical surfaces, or legs of the arch, extending at an equal length, height, and angle, to create the bases of the arch.
4. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said neck trough and its surrounding, continuous piece of foam are additionally bordered by two lateral exterior surfaces of equal length, height, and angle adjoined by one horizontal exterior surface.
5. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein the width of the arch shaped space created by said neck trough and its legs are equal in width to the continuous, horizontal exterior surface at the opposing end.
6. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said top exterior surface is marked "CHIN" and said bottom exterior surface is marked "CHEST" with removable labels covering corresponding adhesive strips.

7. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is cut to selected dimensions and angles causing the end labeled “CHIN” and “CHEST” to be thicker than the opposing end.
8. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is a continuous piece of polyurethane foam cut to its selected angles and dimensions by appropriate foam cutting saws.
9. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is designed to fit a supine patient, given local or monitored anesthesia care, with the neck trough fitting over the front of the neck and the exterior top and bottom surfaces of the thicker end touching both the chin and chest, keeping the airway open by elevating the chin and stabilizing the head.
10. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 9 wherein said device is further secured into position between the chin and chest with adhesive strips covered by removable labels of “CHIN” and “CHEST” and with an adjustable strap.
11. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 10 wherein the strap used with said device is made of a flexible material, is long enough to extend completely around the device, and is secured, based on the size of the patient’s head and length of the neck, with a tab.
12. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device can additionally be used by reclining or supine patients for purposes of providing comfort to the back of the neck and head, as a pillow, prior to the delivery of anesthesia.

13. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is additionally designed to be placed in various selected positions behind the head to provide alternate means of keeping a supine patient's airway open, chin elevated, and head still during local or monitored anesthesia care.
14. The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is further designed to enable the user to rotate it around the patient's neck or behind the head for selected positions.